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Enclosed published U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0134078 A1 describes a vegetation trimmer head very similar in

construction and operation to that of U.S. Patent No. 5,765,287 discussed at length at page 4 of the present application. That is, published U.S. Patent Application No. 2004/0134078 discloses the use of rigid guide trimmer line guides for guiding trimmer line between the trimmer head exit ports. In contrast, the present invention employs yieldable trimmer line guides which produce the many performance advantages discussed in Applicant's specification.

The aforesaid reference is respectfully requested to be considered in connection with examination of this application, and to be made of record herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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